

REMARKS

This reply is filed in response to the office action dated November 10, 2004.

Reconsideration of the application and the claims is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 33, 36-38, 42, 78, and 80 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, Claims 78 and 80 were further rejected. In this reply, in order to expedite the application into issuance, Claims 33, 36-38, 42, 78 and 80 are being canceled without prejudice. Canceling of these claims do not constitute an admission on the part of the Applicant as to the propriety of the rejections and Applicants reserve the right to prosecute these claims in a continuing or continuation-in-part application.

Double Patenting

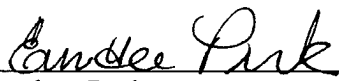
With respect to the double patenting rejection over the co-owned patents, while Applicants do not concede that the double patenting rejections are proper, to expedite the application into issuance, Applicants will submit a terminal disclaimer when all other rejections are resolved and only the double patenting rejections over the co-owned patents remain.

With respect to the provisional double patenting rejections over the co-pending co-owned applications, since they are provisional, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw these rejections when all other rejections are resolved.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The claims are believed to be patentable and a favorable Office Action is hereby earnestly solicited. This reply is being submitted with an RCE and additional IDS for Examiner's consideration. If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is requested to telephone the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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